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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to remind you about our home-school reading books in Year 3. At St Giles we follow the Oxford Reading Tree/Rising Stars scheme for home-school reading books, which we have been sending home each week with your child's Reading Diary. The children may also choose a book from our class library to expand their wider reading and encourage reading for pleasure. **Article 12- Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.**

Please note that your child's books should be changed at least twice a week, depending on the size and difficulty of the book. Please ensure that you are encouraging your child to read every night; it would benefit them to read aloud to an adult to practice pronunciation and confidence. It would also be useful to discuss the questions at the back of some books to check their understanding of the text. **Article 29- Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.**

Reading a story to your child, will also develop a love for reading by introducing them to a wider range of story genres whilst also helping to develop their understanding of new and adventurous vocabulary. **Article 31- Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.**

Also within your child's Reading Diary is a target to focus on when you read together. Once you feel that they have completed the target, please sign and date it. When your child has finished reading their book, it would be useful if you could write a comment and include any words they have found difficult. There are a variety of responses that you could include such as comments on their understanding of the story, what they liked/disliked about the book and their overall fluency. If you are unsure of what to include, make a general comment, such as 'great reading' or 'found it hard this week' and sign your name. For any more advice on this please do not hesitate to ask any member of Year 3 staff.

We also have the Rising Stars Reading Planet scheme. These books are phonically decodable books meaning that your child will be able to read most words by breaking them down using Fred talk.

Therefore, these are the books your child will bring home:

Oxford Reading Tree- To challenge pupils at their appropriate level.

Class Library Book – To encourage wider reading for pleasure. Some of these books may be above your child's current reading level so they may need it read to them.

Reading Planet – To ensure that children are using phonic strategies to read words accurately. (Your child will only receive one of these books if they are Stage 8 or below.)

Practising reading more often will develop their confidence and vocabulary in all areas of the curriculum.

Article 3- The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

Finally, your child has a login to Oxford Reading Buddy which gives them access to Oxford Reading Tree books and quizzes. Please encourage your child to access Oxford Reading Buddy at home as this software will also help to support and further enhance reading skills and understanding of different types of text.

Many thanks for your ongoing support with reading,

Miss Powell, Mrs Hatfield and Mrs Treadwell

Year 3 Teachers